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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS 9/12/74: US-REP NEGOTIATIONS

1. I CALLED ON PRESIDENT MARCOS MORNING SEPTEMBER 12 TO REVIEW CURRENT STATUS U.S.-PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATIONS. WE DISCUSSED EXPECTED U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON TRADE REFORM ACT AND FINANCE SECRETARY VIRATA'S PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS WITH ALDRICH, ET ALS, LATER THIS MONTH IN WASHINGTON. WE DISCUSSED LACK OF PHILIPPINE RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSALS ON MILITARY BASE AGREEMENT, AND MARCOS PROMISED TO GIVE DIRECTIONS TO PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATORS. OUR PRINCIPAL DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, CENTERED ON QUESTIONS OF LAND TITLES AND RETAIL TRADE.

2. ON LAND TITLES, MARCOS AGREED THAT I SHOULD STIMULATE DIRECT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND SECRETARY PATERNO CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS, FORESHORE LEASES, AND EASEMENTS ON PUBLIC LANDS. ON PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LANDS, HE SAID I COULD "MORE OR LESS ASSURE" U.S. CITIZENS OF PHILIPPINES TO RETAIN
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3. ON RETAIL TRADE, HE AGREED THAT TIME HAD COME TO ISSUE DECREE WHICH HIS ADVISERS (PARTICULARLY FINANCE SECRETARY VIRATA) HAD REQUESTED BE HELD UP AS "LEVERAGE" IN BARGAINING WITH US. HE SAID HE WAS UNCLEAR HOW HE WAS SUPPOSED TO USE THE LEVERAGE AND THOUGHT FURTHER DELAY WAS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

4. AFTERNOON SEPT. 12, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR CALLED TO SAY HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO REACH VIRATA IN TOKYO BEFORE RELEASING RETAIL TRADE DECREE, WHICH WAS ALREADY SIGNED. HE ALSO INVITED ME TO SUBMIT DRAFT DECREE ON QUESTION OF RESIDENTIAL LANDS. LATER THAT EVENING, SECRETARY OF JUSTICE ABAD SANTOS INFORMED ME OF CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION HE IS TAKING ON FORESHORE LEASES.

5. ALSO ON AFTERNOON SEPT, 12, I MET WITH AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEADERSHIP. THEY WILL ISSUE NOTICE TO MEMBER-SHIP IN EFFORT DEVELOP CONSENSUS ON COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND QUESTIONS, TO TAKE UP WITH PATERNO UPON LATTER'S RETURN FROM CHINA AT END OF THIS MONTH.
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